

District III Advisory Board Minutes
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January 7, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Colvin Neighborhood City Hall
2820 S. Roosevelt

The District III Advisory Board meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 2820 S. Roosevelt. The District III City Council member, Phil Lambke and eight (8) District Advisory Board members were in attendance. Thirteen (13) City staff were present and approximately twenty-four (24) members of the public, most of whom signed in.

Members Present

Matt Foley
Joann Hartig
Phyllis Hall
Charlotte Foster
Jim Gulick
Bill Ward
Judy Dillard
John Kemp
Council Member Phil Lambke

Members Absent

Laura Simpson

Staff Present

Vicki Mork
Officer Long Nguyen
Officer Dave Hinners
Officer Kent Connor
Officer Virgil Miller
Jan Chatman
Russell Rose
Bob Aldrich
Doug Kupper
Chris Carrier
Neil Cable
John Schlegel
Jay Newton

Guests

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order

Council Member Lambke called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes for December 3, 2003 were approved unanimous 8-0. Motion made by Dillard (Foster).

Action: Received and filed.

Public Agenda

1. Scheduled Items

None scheduled at this time.

2. Off-agenda items

There were no issues of concern addressed.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Officer Long Nguyen, 33 Beat reported decreases on the national average on bad crimes in Planeview. He also reported graffiti problems on Ross Parkway.

Officer Conner introduced himself as new to 36 Beat. He is a six year veteran and has prior experience as a Community Police Officer for 39 Beat in District II.

Officer Hinnners, 32 Beat, reported a troublesome year in 2003 but overall the beat is quiet now.

Officer Miller, 26 Beat, does not have much going on in his beat. He reports that South Patrol caught a robber and burglar.

Foley asked for confirmation of more than 100% clear rate for homicides in the past year.

Officer Nguyen said a 114% rate results from more than one suspect being convicted for a crime.

Recommended Action: Receive and file.

4. Park and Recreation Department

Doug Kupper, Director, stated the State Fish and Game Department requires replacement land for the 3 acres of parkland previously sold. The land must be replaced with land from the neighborhood of equal or greater value. **Kupper** presented two alternative sites for consideration. The Park Board originally selected option #1 it runs along George Washington Blvd south and west of the creek. The value of that land exceeded the value of the previously sold parkland. Option #2 preferred by Planeview residents is south of Pawnee, west of Hillside and runs south to Cessna Street. It's a larger plot, already owned by the City of Wichita but has not yet been appraised. **Kupper** said he felt the land would meet or exceed the value of the sold parkland.

The DAB board is asked to provide input and preference to either affirm the previous sale of 3 acres of parkland and select replacement property or buy the previous sold three acres of parkland back. **Hall** said the people in Planeview prefer replacing the 3 acres with Option #2.

Kemp asked how long before improvements are made to the land to make it a park. **Kupper** reported they are working with Storm Water Management to define the boundaries. This is an opportune time to work on this project and get it tied into the Capital Improvement Plan document 2005-2114 with a target date of 2006 and 2007.

Foster objected to the Cessna Park being in a flood plain. She favors the city repurchasing the 3 acres previously sold to Dean Norris and returning it to parkland. **Kupper** explained much of Wichita's parkland is located in floodplains with few, if any negative consequences.

Hartig clarified Option #2 Cessna Park replacement plot is 12-16 acres and the City already owns 7.4 acres. **Foley** asked if Planeview residents favor this plan. **Kupper** said Cordell Carter, Planeview Neighborhood Association president was at the Park Board meeting and agreed.

Ward asked if improvements had been planned for the sold parcel and was told no. **Ward** questioned the development of this parcel. **Kupper** explained it was in response to neighborhood association request. **Ward** objected to improvements for a new area now when none were planned for the sold park parcel.

Hall said Planeview NA wanted to trade the Cessna Park Passage for the sold acres. **Kupper** said the purchase price of sold land could be used to off set expenses.

Audience members expressed opposition to repurchase of the land, concerned about proposed replacement land being in a floodplain, opposition to selling any parkland ever for any reason, requested establishment of trust to hold City of Wichita parkland and protect from future sales, donations to public parks were negatively impacted by the sale of public parkland, sale of parkland under any circumstance even to USD 259 is unacceptable. **Kupper** explained the City's Park Department partners with the school district all the time for collocation of facilities. This is not out of the ordinary, provides added value for taxpayers as they pay to both City and school district.

Other points made by audience members included establishment of a zoning designation specifically for parkland. Other comments were made supporting the principal of holding parkland as protected property. Audience members accused the City of dereliction of duty in protecting parkland and the buyer had close connection to City Hall. The land sale did not follow City of Wichita procedures.

Public discussion closed after a request for a law or other policy change to protect against sale of future parkland. Council Member Lambke and some DAB members reminded audience members that any law enacted by the council now is subject to change or elimination by future councils. It is impossible to commit future officials.

Hall originally proposed the motion that Morris not receive any extra money and that the 3 acres that had been sold on 31st South had no value as a park. She stated the Planeview Neighborhood Association supported her position.

CM Lambke called question.

Action: Hall (Dillard) moved to reaffirm the sale of park property and designated Option #2 as the replacement land. Motion passed unanimously 8-0.

5. Public Works

Jay Newton presented the proposed 10-year 2004-2013 CIP. He explained it is a planning instrument and the first 2 years of the plan are a capital budget. If the plan is approved then each project for the first 2 years will be brought back to the Council for approval appearing before the appropriate DAB prior to the presentation. Law does not require this process but the technique is used for obtaining grants for the projects. The process involved covers all areas including signalization at two additional intersections per years and \$400,000 per year improvements for wheel chair ramps and sidewalks. The Pawnee railroad crossing is also included in the plan. All bridges in the city are evaluated annually and the degree of deterioration determines grant or federal funding. All projects attempt to maximize grant funding.

Park Development is emphasized because it is related to quality of life issues. The City of Wichita believes this area contributes positively to the recruitment of economic development. Storm Water projects are categorized in three different areas. Proposed increases in storm water drainage tax on water bill is key to accomplish projects.

Foster asked about the timetable of ERU tax increase, was told the increase was proposed to go from \$1.50 to \$2.10 within 8-9 year time frame at 20 cent increments.

Carrier explained the CIP shows Cowskin Creek improvements targeted at \$13-\$14 million but only \$3-4 million is available locally at this time and the rest are unidentified funds, department is trying for Federal money. The projects for Gypsum and Dry Creek have designated funding and master plans. These are programmed.

Hall asked if the start date for Gypsum Creek would be in 2006, **Carrier** confirmed that the timeline was about right. He said an engineer had been hired to develop plans. The project will take time as there will be difficulties receiving Environmental clearances and he maintained it was a realistic time frame. The work will start down and work up.

Dillard asked for clarification of CIP plan process. She was told staff developed a plan as a starting point for CIP. Six meetings have been held and this plan shows changes made this far. Dillard asked where the skate park will be located. **Kupper** explained it's to be downtown under the Kellogg flyover near St. Francis.

Skelton asked who will clear the environmental barriers for Dry Creek and Gypsum Creek improvements. **Carrier** says the process involves Federal and State agencies approving the environmental clearance permits. Also the Army Corp of Engineers will review environmental inputs and may require mitigation if they deem it necessary. Urban Stream restoration can be utilized.

Foster complained that south of the big project on Kellogg, Cornejo trucks are tearing up the streets. **Cable** said construction trucks are not supposed to be using the side streets and they'll look into it. **Kemp** also complained about lots of truck traffic on South Hillside. **Cable** encouraged **Kemp** to report his concerns. **Gulick** asked if a perimeter fence was planned for Clapp Golf Course to reinforce the "keep out" signs? Kupper will follow up and let the NA know. **Ward** said the neighbors are not in favor of chain link fence. **Hartig** asked

if oversight of the golf courses had recently transferred to the Park Department and **Kupper** agreed.

Foley asked where expenditures for cultural activities would fall within the CIP. **Newton** explained that some projects are not developed enough at this time to be assigned to a category. For example, no site has been acquired yet for Black History Museum so no further budget has been developed or assigned to a CIP category at this time. **CM Lambke** explained such a project could be funded with special funds such as bed tax, county funds or private donations. **Carrier** explained that the CIP is constantly updated

Paul Davis said storm water utility fees impact his business considerably. His business spreads over four different properties and he gets three water bills. **Davis** compares storm water utility fees to a fine. **Foley** endorsed the proposed changes directed towards improving water quality. **Lambke** said if people think taxes are too high the blame lies with the City Council as they are the ones that authorized projects and expenditures. He urges folks to attend Council meetings. **Lambke** said he thought the CIP would be presented to the Council on January 20, 2004.

Board Agenda

6. Issues/updates

Hall asked when the park issue would be before the Council and **Lambke** said he thought it would be Tuesday, January 20, 2004.

Dillard reported South City Community Association meeting was held and over 100 persons were in attendance. At the meeting they discussed improvements happening in the area. Council approved paving for 45th Street South but not Lulu Street. It may be a deal breaker and the land may have to be replatted.

Ward (Hartig) motion to adjourn

Recommended Action: Approved unanimously.

7. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting for District Advisory Board III will be February 4, 2004 at Colvin Neighborhood City Hall at 7:00 p.m.

No Action Required

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted,

Vicki Mork, Neighborhood Assistant

Visitors

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| Carole Campbell | 2821 S. Mosley |
| Lisa Wold | 2820 S. Mosley |
| Russel Rose | City of Wichita |
| Moham Kambampah | 3502 E. Dangler |
| Paul Davis | 6417 S. Madison Ct. |
| Cordel Carter | 2409 S. Holyoke |
| La Veda Berry | 2597 S. Holyoke |
| Bob Aldrich | |
| Janet Miller | 1102 Jefferson |
| Stanley Beard | 3549 E. Sunnybrook |
| Bill Davis | 1818 S. Main |
| Karin Linenberger | 2228 McAdam |
| Robert Dove | 4021 Whitney |
| Gerald Hall | 4121 Whitney |
| Rita Wells | 4181 Whitney |
| Max Wendle | 862 |
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| Elena Ingle | 3608 Meadow Lane |
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| Lonny Wright | 1020 W. McArthur |